## Appendix F CONSENSUS DECISION RULES

At Checkpoint #1 meetings, Signatory Agencies shall use the following Consensus Decision Rules.

## **Voting Options**

When voting on an issue, Signatory Agency representatives shall use the following options:

- 1. Yes
- 2. Acceptable
- 3. Can live with it
- 4. Willing to step aside (but support)
- 5. Blocking
- 6. Need more information

## **Decision Hierarchy**

- 1. Obtain consensus<sup>1</sup> by a vote of all Checkpoint #1 meeting attendees (regardless of the number from each signatory agency). *If consensus cannot be reached, then*
- 2. Obtain consensus by a vote of all agencies, with one vote per agency. *If consensus cannot be reached, then*
- 3. Obtain consensus, as the majority opinion, by a vote of all agencies, with one vote per agency.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A vote of 1 through 4 is considered Consensus.